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RESPONSE

In response to the Restriction Requirement of January 20, 2006, Applicants elect Group III, claims 14-19, drawn to query processing and searching, classified in class 707, subclass 3. A list of the pending claims is attached hereto.

Examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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